

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

A Daily Record of the Great Events That are Transpiring in South Africa.

TUESDAY'S REPORT

London, Dec. 18.—No further news has been received regarding the battle at the Tugela river. The latest accounts regarding the battle at Magerfontein show that the retirement of the British troops was executed with the greatest coolness and order under a heavy Boer artillery fire on Tuesday. Mafeking was safe on December 16 and Col. Baden-Powell, the British commander there, is still actively pushing out his defenses. At that time the Boers had offered to exchange Lady Sarah Wilson, who was captured while acting as a correspondent for the London Daily Mail, for Gen. Ben Viljoen, who was captured at Elandsburg, but the offer was declined. The other beleaguered garrisons and positions are still holding out. It is said that if the Victoria Cross were to be granted for every act of conspicuous gallantry on the part of the British troops it would be necessary to distribute the decoration by hundreds.

WHAT THE LONDON TIMES SAYS.

London, Dec. 18.—The Times, commenting on the situation, says: "Neither the Crimean war nor the Indian mutiny gave rise to greater dangers to the empire than that with which we are now menaced, nor at either of those critical periods was Great Britain so isolated politically or regarded with such dislike and suspicion as are now almost everywhere apparent. Unless the calmness which impresses the foreign observer proceeds only from apathy or a want of sufficient imagination to realize the imminent danger to the whole fabric of our empire, the great efforts now urgently required will surely be made before it is too late to retrieve the situation. We are fighting not merely for supremacy in South Africa, but our position as a great power. We know we have miscalculated the strength of our foe and we are resolved to make that miscalculation good."

CASUALTIES AT TUGELA RIVER.

London, Dec. 18.—The war office gave out Buller's list of casualties late Saturday night and the casualties at Tugela river prove to have been the largest in any previous engagement of the war. The total of British killed, wounded and dead is 1,067. Of these 82 were killed, 657 wounded and 348 missing.

A NEW COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

London, Dec. 18.—Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford, commander of the forces in Ireland, has been appointed to the chief command in South Africa, with Gen. Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, as his chief of staff.

COUNTRY IN REBELLION.

Sterkstroom, Dec. 18.—As a result of the British reverses the whole country northward is in rebellion. The natives there, as well as those in Basutoland, are said to be much disturbed and losing heart respecting the strength of the British.

WEDNESDAY'S REPORT

London, Dec. 20.—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited with having demanded all along as essential of success in South Africa, namely 10,000 mounted infantry. This morning the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted force, to be called "imperial yeomanry," and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldier. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tint cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublesome period of the French revolution, is now 16,433. Their services have never before been called for in war. The lord mayor of London, Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of 1,000 volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses.

The enthusiasm of volunteer enlistments continues, and promises to give the government ample material. The queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor castle December 26 the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served, her majesty probably presiding in person, and a Christmas tree 25 feet high will hang with gifts.

The British second class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at the Tugela river are still filtering through, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller is in personal command. A correspondent of

the Associated press at Chieveley Camp says the Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher bearers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught rangers took cover under civilian bearers of the Red Cross, and that this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded.

Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela river.

The Standard hints editorially this morning that, if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

YESTERDAY'S REPORT

London, Dec. 21.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so, his position is dangerous.

A correspondent of the Daily News telegraphing from Modder river last Saturday says: "The Boer position, already formidable on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point, guns have been got in position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault."

The latest dispatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to a surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement.

The appeals for yeomanry and volunteers are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Woolsey proposes that the force being raised by the lord mayor of London be called the "City of London imperial volunteers." The government expects the total of yeomanry and volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command, with Lord Lonsdale as adjutant general.

The papers are now generally joining in free criticism of the government and the war office, as day by day fresh proofs of unpreparedness come to light. Special stress is laid upon the failure to provide proper transports, which compels the columns to stick tight to railways, and upon the inferiority of the British artillery.

The Australian colonies are responding eagerly to the imperial government's appeals for second contingents.

The Daily News has the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, December 16: "The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg and are massing a great force at the abandoned British camp. One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch."

Boer Intentions as to Peace Terms.

London, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions. The chief anxiety of the burghers is as to the question of receiving supplies by way of Lourenco Marques."

Buller Recovers His Guns.

London, Dec. 21.—A special dispatch from Durban, Natal, dated December 20, says it is rumored Gen. Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns and that a party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns which were unharmed.

The Charter is Deserved.

Iola is perfectly willing to endorse every line of the following from the Mail and Breeze, for the Company is as deserving of a charter as any company in the State, and this yealling of "trust" over every new company is about as likely to be correct as the yealling of "witchcraft" which condemned many an innocent in the last century.

The business men and citizens of Iola are regretting the action of the State charter board in refusing articles of incorporation to the Lanyon Zinc company, organized under the New Jersey laws, with a capital of \$1,500,000. The charter board seems to be of the opinion that the company is a branch of the trust, and is not within itself a solvent institution. The people of Iola are satisfied that the proposed new industry which is promised by this new company, is a genuine business venture, entirely legitimate, and believe absolutely that there is not the slightest foundation for the opinion that a zinc octopus is being born.

John.—If you were a woman, you'd know as I know, and all other women know, that Rocky Mountain Tea is the greatest blessing women ever had. Ask your Druggist.

Frank J. Nelson, formerly of Savondurg, has settled in Selma, Cal., and writes to have the REGISTER follow him, which it does with best wishes.

Funston and Metcalf Endorse It.

Gen. Funston and Colonel Metcalf have written and permitted to be published the following endorsements of the book "Campaigning in the Philippines," for which W. J. Rumbley is the Allen county agent.

"To whom it may concern: I have read the accompanying history of the Twentieth Kansas Infantry, written especially for 'Campaigning in the Philippines' and find it substantially correct. FREDERICK FUNSTON, Brigadier General U. S. V."

"To whom it may concern: I have read hurriedly the history of the Twentieth Kansas Regiment, written especially for 'Campaigning in the Philippines' by Private John M. Steele and regard the account as substantially correct in all essential particulars and also a very readable and interesting article. WILDER S. METCALF, Col. Twentieth Kansas Inf. U. S. V."

A Hint to Gas Users.

The Coffeyville Journal is moved by the recent article in the REGISTER about accidents with gas to re-print the following caution which originally appeared years ago when three people had been asphyxiated in that town.

"The cases were thoroughly investigated and what at first seemed mysterious was soon made plain. The chimney became choked and caused imperfect combustion. When the fire was burning flames would shoot out of the stove door, if open, showing the insufficient draught. This imperfect combustion produced the deadly carbonic oxide gas which produced the fatal results. It is so quick and deadly in its action that after the first dizziness one has hardly time to move before becoming unconscious. The natural gas will not produce such results but imperfect combustion will produce the carbonic oxide gas."

"When stoves are connected with chimneys care should be taken to see that the chimneys are clear. If flames come out the door when open there is death in that stove because of defective draught and it should be remedied at once."

"Some people prefer not to use stove pipes and chimney with gas stoves on this account. We prefer the chimney but the draught should be kept clear if great danger should be shunned. Of course imperfect combustion from any cause will produce the same result but defective draught is one of the most common causes."

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining in the Iola post-office and unclaimed for the week ending Dec. 18, 1899.

LADIES:
Adel, Mrs. M. C. Jackson, Mrs. Rosie
Curt, Miss Maggie Lindsey, Mrs. M. M.
Dewell, Mrs. A. Martin, Mrs. Addie
Groop, Miss Marston, Mrs. Eddie
Hemphstead, Mrs. W. F. Plah, Mrs. Ella Sanker
Henton, Ella Rheinhart, Mrs. J.
Hobart, Mrs. Alice Rodgers, Mrs. J.
Jackson, Emma Stowell, Mrs. G. W.
Jackson, Mrs. Maggie Sinclair, Mrs. Nemina

GENTLEMEN:
Anderson, Oscar Marshall Lee
Black, James McArthur, Arch
Cornett, Edd Meng, W. R.
Curt, S. E. Moore, Bonnie
Elliot, C. A. Miller, C.
Emmerson, William Rogers (Blacksmith)
Freeman, W. W. Riechart, Leslie
Holt, Wm. F. Reamer, W. S.
Hull, W. L. Shea, John
Hulton, H. K. Payne, Henry

Parties calling for these letters will please say advertised, giving date.

H. L. HENDERSON, P. M.

Indiana Gas Playing Out.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—State Gas Inspector Leach, in his testimony before a committee of the city council today gave the following official opinion as to the longevity of the Indiana gas field:

"Within the next two years all the virgin territory will be drilled. Then the companies will drill new wells in the abandoned territory along their systems, which may sustain the companies for two years longer, thus making four years in all. These conclusions are based on the decline of gas since its discovery in 1886. He said he did not believe the gas field would regenerate enough by reason of its dilution for several years, to justify much hope of increasing the longevity of gas by drawing from certain regions only. Mr. Leach, however, admitted that there could be no accurate measurement of the life of gas. He believes that after the big consumers cease to draw on the field, the gas belt would yield enough gas for local uses to last a great many years. He says there is now 10,000 square miles of virgin territory left in Indiana."

High School Notes.

The Piano Fund is now \$33.80. This is enough to make three months payments.

This week is the last in the school month and many of the classes are having quizzes which in a great measure determine the grades for the month.

Several members of the eleventh grade Geometry class were excused from the weekly quiz last Friday because they had made such good grades in the other quizzes for the month.

Friday, Dec. 22, the first rhetorical program will be given. Grades 9, 10 and 11 furnishing it.

The Physics class is now studying electricity, one of the most interesting subjects in the course as studied in the High School.

Death Narrowly Averted.

Last Monday noon when Julius Krueger went to his home on south Walnut street he was greeted by the sight of his wife lying senseless in a chair. The house was full of steaming hot air and the furniture dripping from the condensed moisture which

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Anything---from a Pair of Skates to a Steel Range.

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GUNS AND CUTLERY

For the Holiday Trade.

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T. B. SHANNON,
North Side Hardware.

had settled on it. He carried his wife to the sofa, opened up the windows and turned off the gas and then ran for help. Several ladies of the neighborhood quickly appeared and soon after Drs. Fulton and Teas. It was found that Mrs. Krueger had been suffocated by the gas. She lay unconscious for several hours and upon recovery gave the following explanation of the accident.

The gas had leaked about the kitchen stove and given her a headache repeatedly, and she suffered that morning with one. Sitting down by the window she rested a while and then, feeling suffocated, started for the door. When she stood up she became sick and dropped in the chair, where her husband found her, and lost consciousness. In the meantime the gas came up, a heavier pressure being always turned on the mains at meal times, and it escaped more and more, while the tub of water sitting on the stove preparatory to the weekly washing, boiled and steamed with the result given above.

Only the energy and skill of the physicians saved her life and she was quite sick all the rest of the week, her lungs having been severely strained injured by the gas. A few minutes longer and life would certainly have ended. Mrs. Krueger is a very popular young woman and her many friends feel deeply grateful that her life was saved.

THE ROBERTS CASE.

General Expectation That the Committee Will Report Against Him.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Roberts investigating committee will hear one more witness before beginning the arguments. It is the general expectation that the committee will report that the testimony shows that Roberts has been a polygamist since eighty-five, and hence is ineligible to membership in the House. The report will probably be adopted.

CRUSHED BY THE ICE.

Five Passengers From a Wrecked Steamer Lost.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—A dispatch recounts a terrible tragedy near Ogilvie. Mrs. J. Rumban, Mrs. Dumbor, Henry Kelley, two McNamara brothers, former passengers on the steamer Stratton sailing from Minneapolis, were caught in an ice jam in their small boat and crushed. All perished.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
1899 It's Going to Be 1899

That is—if you play your little part to make it so. You are busy, of course; but that is the reason you can buy.

It's easy to get a present in Iola this year. Just look around in the CORNER DRUG AND BOOK STORE for 15 minutes. This week we have out the

CHRISTMAS CARDS

CHRISTMAS PERFUMES

CHRISTMAS BOOKLETS

CALENDARS for 1900

CHRISTMAS TOYS

That Doll display is the talk of the county. Others have a nice doll—a big, cheap doll—lots of cheap dolls, etc.—but none the BEST DOLLS MADE, such as ours, by the dozens and hundreds. And the way the people are carrying them away proves the prices are right.



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Banks
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EVANS BROTHERS'

THE STANDING ARMY

Must Be Increased Permanently to Meet Present Needs.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Chairman Hull, of the House Military Committee, says an effort will be made this session to repeal the temporary features of the law by which the regular army was increased to sixty-five thousand. Unless this is done, Mr. Hull says, the army will be reduced to but twenty-six thousand men next year which will be too small to meet

the necessities of the country even under the most favorable conditions that could be expected.

OCEANIC ALL RIGHT.

The Mammoth Steamer Delayed By Heavy Weather.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—The Oceanic, the largest steamer in the world, which was thirty-six hours overdue, causing much anxiety, arrived this morning reporting all well. Heavy weather caused the tardiness.